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In the past there has been no way to identify bundles of tree seedlings belonging to the BLM once they are removed from the packing boxes. The seedlings are bound in bundles of 50 with wire ties like those used to tie plastic bags, garbage can liners, etc. Occasionally, BLM has lost tree seedlings after they were received from the nursery, and in one incident 25,000 seedlings were stolen from the Roseburg District's planting contractor.

A suggestion by Mr. Curtis J. Ritter, II, of the Roseburg District that a code number be printed on the ties used to bind tree seedlings used by BLM has been adopted for optional use. These codes could be used to identify trees by district, resource area, and lot number or simply as belonging to the BLM. By proving the ownership of tree bundles, the coded ties may help prevent the theft or loss of tree seedlings.

Illustrated are samples of printed ties available from:

Package Containers, Inc. 777 N. E. Fairgrounds Drive Canby, Oregon 97013

These ties may be purchased by the individual district office requiring nursery stock and a stipulation placed in the contract requiring the nursery to use them.

Additional copies of Technical Notes are available from Director, Portland Service Center, Box 3861, Portland, Ore., 97208

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